

Student elected to City Hall



Arnold Bennett elected as councillor in NDG last night.

by Malcolm Guy
and Craig Toomey

Arnold Bennett, a McGill graduate student, has won his bid for a city council seat for the Montreal Citizens' Movement (MCM) in Notre Dame de Grace (NDG). He is the youngest councillor ever elected in the history of Montreal's municipal elections.

Bennett, 23 years old, along with Michel Fainstat and Ginette Keroack, was swept to power in NDG in a surprising victory for the MCM.

The MCM won almost half of all the council seats up for election yesterday. Among the districts taken by the MCM were Saint-Jacques, Cote-des-Neiges, and St. Louis.

A triumphant Bennett said last night that "the tremendous victory of the MCM has at last broken the myth propagated by Drapeau and his puppets that progressive groups have to organise along national or ethnic lines to gain the people's

support." He added that "In the next four years critics may accuse us of being puppets, but unlike Drapeau, we will be puppets of the people—the MCM will take its orders from the working class."

MCM mayoral candidate Jacques Couture failed to knock Mayor Jean Drapeau out of power yesterday, but Bennett feels the unexpected MCM show of strength will have "tremendous effects on municipal politics. Drapeau has been living in a dream world. Neither he, his Civic Party, nor conservative elements of the press expected anything like this to happen."

Bennett said that the MCM sweep will "disorientate and demobilise the Civic Party and will not make the next four years easy."

Bennett warned that the MCM will not be able to accomplish as much as it could have on the municipal level without Couture in power. "But nonetheless, we

now have the organisational tools to help serve the needs of the community. At last we have the grass roots support to get things moving."

Bennett believes the MCM will act as a "parallel government" over the next four years, which will expose the situation that exists at City Hall. "We won't use our new founded power just to lobby for votes, but will attempt to give Montrealers real influence in what is going on by setting up

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Arnold Bennett in perspective

City Hall will never be the same. Jean Drapeau faces a tough opponent in bespectacled, bearded Arnold Bennett. Bennett, in his third year of an MA in labour history, graduated with a BA from McGill in 1972 and is a teaching assistant in Canadian history.

He was worked on the Daily for five years, is on the editorial board of "Our Generation" and is writing a book on the Quebec general strike in 1972.

How will Bennett be able to fit City Hall into his busy schedule? "No problem," he says, "If the Civic Party councillors can run their \$100,000 businesses and rule Montreal I should have plenty of time to work for the people, and do my research at the same time."

"It's not like it used to be"

by Bonnie Price

Mayor Drapeau's victory speech last night, delivered to a barrage of newsmen, may have reached thousands of television and radio viewers, but it missed his supporters standing outside City Hall. There were exactly two of them—Mme Palascio, a pensioner and M Desjardins, an electrician, both in their late 60's.

They arrived outside City Hall at about 8:30 pm to wait for a chance to "shake Mayor Drapeau's hand." Early in the evening they managed to slip past the gang of policemen at the front door, but they betrayed themselves as non-journalists when Mme Palascio belted out a few bars of an original song that went "C'est Drapeau que vous voulons a Montréal, c'est Drapeau."

At the request of several policemen they politely went back outside the door to wait alone in the cold.

They had nothing but good things to say about Drapeau. "I like him because he's not a

politician; he's an honest man with integrity—he doesn't take gifts from anybody," Mme Palascio explained.

They admitted they didn't like all the construction going on in Montreal, but, they argued that "you shouldn't blame everything on him."

They wanted, however, some opposition in City Hall this term. "There's too many debts because nobody's a watchdog up there and that's not good," observed M Desjardins. "But it's not Mayor Drapeau's fault; it's the fault of the citizens' not being informed enough to vote for the opposition." He said that journalists were partly to blame for this.

While Mme Palascio and M Desjardins waited in the outside foyer of City Hall, the lobby where Drapeau was to speak was bustling with newsmen. Every effort was made to accommodate the press, with easily-accessible Civic Party PR men, free coffee, and helpful policemen. The atmosphere

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Mme Palascio waiting to shake "her mayor's hand."

Election returns

Here are the results of last night's mayoral elections:

- Jean Drapeau's popular vote is down from 92 per cent to 55 per cent. Jacques Couture, was defeated by Drapeau in his bid for mayor but received 40 per cent of the popular vote.

- MCM won 19 of the 55 district seats.

- MCM won clean sweeps in four ridings: St Jacques, St. Louis, NDG and Cote des Neiges.

- Sydney Wise and John Lynch-Staunton, former members of the city's Executive Committee were both defeated in Cote des Neiges.

- The third party running, Democratie Montréal, won only one seat.

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McGill Historical Society:
There will be a meeting at 3 pm today in Leacock 614. Panel discussion to be discussed. All invited.

Sri-Chinmoy Meditation:
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ISSM:
Meeting at 1 pm, Union B-26. All interested should come.

Ukrainian Society:
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Circle K International:
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EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS

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POWER OF WOMEN

Selma James, revolutionary feminist from Britain, will be speaking about her strategy for the women's movement. Wednesday night at 8 pm, Union ballroom.

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Arms manufacturer on Guelph board



(CUP) The Board of Governors at the University of Guelph have made a decision to allow John Wood to stay on the board.

Wood has been charged by faculty, labour and student representatives at the university

of being an international criminal for manufacturing munitions for the United States government for use in Vietnam.

In a statement released Monday (Nov. 4) the chairman of the Board, W.W. Lasby, said

"the Board rejected the allegations that Wood is morally unsuitable to serve on the Board because he profited from munitions manufacturing."

The Board also felt that Wood was not "anti-labour" and that his views on labour organizations would not prejudice his objectivity in serving on the Board.

Wood had been charged by the Guelph and District Labour Council with being anti-labour. The Council said that he shouldn't sit on the Board of Governors because of his views.

Workers in Wood's factory, the W.C. Wood and Co. had organized into a local of the United Steelworkers about 15 years ago but Wood managed to smash the union. Since then he has vigorously kept union organizers out of his factory.

Spokespersons at the university indicated that they were unhappy about the Board's reply because it didn't deal with the issue over which they were opposing Wood's appointment.

Specifically they had charged that he was in violation of the Nuremberg Charter that says someone becomes an international war criminal when he commits war crimes even though he was ordered by superiors to do so. The charter says a person could reject the orders if he was against their moral principles.

The Board effectively went around the issue by telling the protesting parties to appeal to the federal government which gave Wood's company the grants to be able to manufacture the munitions.

The groups who opposed Wood's appointment will carry their fight to the university's chancellor and will press him to act as an arbitrator in the dispute.

The groups are also getting petitions signed and intend to have the issue raised in the provincial legislature.

They contend that because of Wood's involvement in the manufacture of munitions his appointment would go against the principles of the university.

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was relaxed with most newsmen pleasantly surprised by the MCM sweeps in St. Jacques, St. Louis, Notre Dame de Grace, and Cote des Neiges.

But outside the door, it was another story. After two hours of waiting, M. Desjardins' enthusiasm was waning. "In 1939, 50,000 people came to see Montreal's mayor. Now, look, there's nobody here but us."

Mme Palascio added, "It's a sign of the times. With TV everybody stays at home. There's no enthusiasm."

When Drapeau finally appeared after 11 pm, he and his entourage slipped in through a side door avoiding the two Drapeau supporters and the dozen or so MCM supporters at the front entrance.

Drapeau's speech was about how the Civic Party has worked for "the grandeur of Montreal" and how grateful he was for the "extremely comfortable majority vote" he said he had received. Over and over again he thanked the citizens of Montreal for their support.

Except for a few bravos from his smiling, well-dressed friends, Drapeau's speech was interrupted only once. Beyond the row of policemen blocking the main entrance, the small group began to chant, "Citoyens dehors, citoyens dehors." Among the chanting MCM supporters who had recently arrived to celebrate their candidate's victories, were Mme Palascio and M. Desjardins.

The chant was quickly silenced as policemen threatened to forcibly remove the "disrupters" from the vicinity if they continued.

According to several members of the group, the chant was a spontaneous reaction to a comment by one of Drapeau's cohorts that mere citizens must stay outside.

After the press conference had disbanded, Mme Palascio was found waiting by herself for a bus to take her home to St. Michel. She wasn't smiling and singing anymore; she said she was "very disappointed. The whole thing is no good anymore."

She explained that she was different from those "revolutionaries" who cause trouble yet "they (the policemen) treated me just like they treat them."

She said she understood that the policemen have their orders but "they don't have to be so brutal—they were going to throw me and those young people out."

Asked if she still had confidence in Drapeau, she said, "he's still my man and I'll vote for him again next time."

He came in the side entrance, she explained because the "revolutionaries have made him afraid for his life." She insisted that "it's not the mayor's fault—it's the times."

"It's no use anymore. I only came to shake the mayor's hand; but I should have never come. I'm going home now." And she got on the bus.

Bennett...

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neighbourhood councils, citizens groups and so on."

Working class power shows

The riding which elected Bennett's MCM slate—NDG—is noted for its conservatism, but a large working class turnout at the polls resulted in the surprising victory. "Many Drapeau supporters sat at home yesterday thinking the Civic Party had the elections in its pocket," according to Bennett, "they underestimated the disenchantment of the working class."

Bennett claimed that the MCM show of strength will provide a solid base around which working class people can rally. He said that yesterday's election results are "only the beginning of hard times for Jean Drapeau."

From our readers

Priest from Beirut speaks on Jerusalem

The status of Jerusalem, usually neglected in articles about the Middle East, was given a scholarly treatment by Professor Joseph Ryan of St. Joseph's University (Beirut, Lebanon) on Thursday, October 31 during the Institute of Islamic Studies FORUM. Father Ryan has spent a lot of time in the Middle East, first in Baghdad, Iraq and lately in Lebanon. He visited the Holy City several times, in 1946, and after 1967.

Father Ryan began by

outlining the importance of the city, as one of the oldest inhabited cities and as a holy site for three world religions: Islam, Christianity, and Judaism. He distinguished the spiritual significance of Jerusalem for Westerners from the concrete importance Jerusalem has for Eastern Christians, particularly for Christian Arabs. Nevertheless, no other city holds such status for so many people in the world.

According to Father Ryan,


before the October war, possibilities for peace solutions in the Middle East had been at a standstill. Since then, the political climate had improved; it is not inconceivable, anymore, that Israel would withdraw from occupied territories. Among other encouraging factors in the area is the emergence of Saudi Arabia as an economically powerful country. It is no secret, said Father Ryan, that a delegation from the Holy See visited Saudi

Arabia and discussed the topic of Jerusalem with the King. King Faisal, as the protector of the two cities of Mecca and Medina, considers Jerusalem as a personal concern. A Saudi delegation is scheduled to visit the Pope in the Vatican.

Father Ryan presented the Holy See proposal to his FORUM audience, calling for the internationalization of the City based upon the provisions made in the United Nations Partition Plan of 1947.

Of the questions raised was the attitude of the Palestinians, as an emerging political force, towards Jerusalem. Father Ryan indicated that Jerusalem is not given as much importance by the Palestinians as he would have liked. A member of the audience commented that every inch of Palestine is as holy to the Palestinians as Jerusalem.

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